Dr. I. G. Schaffer; dentist served many civic, charity groups

NEWPORT — Dr. Isadore George Schaffer, 76, of 40 Red Cross Ave. died Monday at Newport Hospital.

Dr. Schaffer was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Bessie and Harry Schaffer. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Providence College in 1931 and his doctor of dental surgery degree from Columbia University's School of Dentistry in 1935.

Dr. Schaffer was active in a variety of charitable and civic organizations. He was past president of the Newport Council of the Navy League and a past national director of the Navy League of the United States. He also served as a president of its awards committee for many years.

In 1966 he received the Navy's highest civilian award, The Distinguished Public Service Award, from then-Secretary of the Navy Paul Nitze. The citation was in recognition of Dr. Schaffer's efforts in establishing a scholarship for the orphans of crew members killed aboard the submarine Thresher.

Dr. Schaffer initiated the Navy League's Sea Cadet Program and was instrumental in furnishing dental equipment and supplies to South American countries under the President's People-to-People program. He received a citation from the Navy League for these and other humanitarian activities.

He was recognized by the American Dental Association for establishing dental programs for cerebral palsied children. In 1959, he was elected to membership in the Royal Society of Health in London for his many contributions in the field of dentistry.

Dr. Schaffer was a past president of Touro Synagogue and B'nai B'rith; a past president of the Henderson Home for Men in Newport; a longtime trustee of Salve Regina College; a member of the Newport County Dental Society and a 32nd degree member of St. Paul's Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Dr. Allen Schaffer of Newport, Jay Schaffer of Holliston, Mass. and Paul Schaffer of Rockville, Md.; a daughter, Carolyn Schaffer of Framingham, Mass.; a brother, Samuel Schaffer of North Billerica, Mass. and seven grandchildren.

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